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no money can be appropriated here unless it is by the agreement of the majority of the members of this legislature. If the majority of the membership of the legislature determines that there should be a plant science building, a live science building, a law school, that is what we should do. That is exactly correct Senator Marsh, that is exactly what we did and that is how laws are passed. It is a game of numbers who has 25 does what he wants to with one or two exceptions, depending upon the Governor. Now I don't have any personal grind with this particular amendment. I just heard this too often, too long on this floor when members of the appropriation committee and specifically Senator Marsh, of Lincoln, stood up I don't care what the majority of the membership of this legislature wants, you haven't complied to some little section of law. The Legislature and the Legislative body determines capital construction. Now, Senator Marvel doesn't have confidence in your ability or maturity, or your ability to select what capital construction that we ought to build, then the process is wrong or we have got the wrong people down here. No little rule, or no little stumbling block is going to change that. Now I personally don't care what you do with this. Except to me that it is a personal threat to my intelligence and my ability to make decisions and that is what the three members of the Appropriation Committee said to you as they stood up here. Your not smart enough, you can't resist the pressure, you can't make decisions and we can do it by this little crazy law that we have there. Now, if that is true, if that is true, that you were pressured into the Plant Science Building, and you vote to not bring this amendment back it is going to go clear to the voters at home. It is going to be clear to them that you don't want to adopt this amendment that you agree with what Senator Marvel, Senator Simpson and Senator Marsh has said to you. That you should not make the decisions. You do not have the ability to do so. Because you are subject to the pressure and the whims of agencies and other people. If that is true, and you believe that, don't bring the amendment back. If you believe that you are entitled to make decisions on appropriations notwithstanding some little section of the law, then you ought to bring the amendment back. I ask you to bring the bill back and put my amendment on and move it forward and this issue will not be clouded at all. This will make the Plant Science project very clear, very definitive. I think that this is important to the Plant Science project that this particular section be adopted. I ask that the amendment be brought back.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the bill be returned to Select File. Record your vote. Have you voted? Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 18 nays and 23 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers asks unanimous consent to withdraw his request to indefinitely postpone LB142.